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The subject of Indonesia is very much in the news today. Some months ago, we had an Indonesian speak on the subject. We now will have the opportunity to hear the Netherlands Ambassador in Washington who will fly up to New York to speak at our luncheon next week -

DR. EELCO NICOLAAS VAN KLEFFENS

on

"THE DUTCH STAND IN INDONESIA"

Dr. van Kleffens has been the Netherlands Ambassador to the United States since May, 1947. In 1945, he was chairman of the Netherlands Delegation to the UN Conference in San Francisco. A cabinet minister of the Dutch government without portfolio (he resigned as Foreign Minister in 1946) van Kleffens was his government's delegate to the UN Security Council until the end of 1946.

The Dutch Ambassador is the author of "Juggernaut Over Holland", a record of the black period during the early days of the war. A career diplomat, Dr. van Kleffens served as the Deputy Secretary General of the Academy of International Law, which had its seat in the Peace Palace in the Hague in 1927. His career is a long and brilliant one.

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There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors on Tuesday, January 11th in the clubrooms at 8:30 P.M. Governors have received individual notices.

According to Egbert White, chairman, the first meeting of the newly formed Dinner Committee will take place in the clubrooms on Monday, January 10th at 6 P.M.

Donald S. Davis, head of the Accreditation Branch for Secretary of Defense Forrestal, in a special letter to the Secretary of the Overseas Press Club, dated December 29th, wrote the following:

"The OPC Bulletin provides a splendid means of informing correspondents who are accredited to one of the services, and who are also assigned and working in occupation areas, that in the majority of cases their accreditation to the National Military Establishment will be effected without action on their part. Of course, their present accreditation will continue valid until the change over is completed."

"To accomplish this change-over, we will use the records of accreditation to one of more of the services as a source of information upon which to base accreditation to the National Military Establishment. The paper work will be handled here (Washington, D.C.), and except in instances where additional information is required, the overseas correspondent will not be contacted on the matter until we are prepared to issue credentials. These credentials will be in the form of an accreditation card identifying the bearer to any or all services of the National Military Establishment as an accredited correspondent."

The Secretary of the OPC has copies of the new accreditation forms and also samples of the employers' certifications. Any member wishing to see them can drop into the office and look them over.

O.W. (Tom) Riegel, director of Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation of Washington and Lee University, is now issuing a periodic news-letter about student and alumni activities. Tom and his wife made a special trip to New York last year for the New Year's Eve party at the club.

Ralph and Betty Major, of Coronet and Newsweek respectively, are the proud parents of a 7½ pound boy, Ralph Major III, born at Doctor's Hospital on December 28, 1948.

Eleanor and Reynolds Packard send best regards from the Stampa Estera in Rome. "Pack" and "Pibe" hope that the Club is having a good year.

Patrick Nieburg of the City News Agency of Chicago married Mary Grace Hays on Tuesday, Dec. 28th in Niagara Falls.

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Kathryn Cravens appeared on Hobby Lobby, WOR on Saturday at 5:30 P.M. -- talking about her collection of fans -- not fannies.

G. Milton Kelly of the Associated Press has returned from his assignment of three years in India. He is working on the city desk here in New York now.

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Leo Margolin has informed the office that Graham Dorset of Bombay, a press fotog of note, is a patient in Roosevelt Hospital, 3rd floor ward, with two fractured legs. He was injured last month in an auto accident on Fifth Ave. Leo says that he will be bedridden for about four more weeks and gets lonesome and would like to bend an ear with OPC friends whom he knew in India. Dorset was stopping in New York to take pix on a round-the-world tour when he had the mishap.

Gardner Cowles, President of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, has been named a member of a 10-man advisory committee of leading Americans, which will guide the Foreign Service Institute in training overseas personnel for the State Department.

H. V. Kaltenborn of NBC is expected to go to South America on tour later in January.. Edith Barber of New York Sun has returned from a short trip to the Caribbean getting new food stories.

Sid Hertzberg, Chief Regional Representative for Asia of the United Nations Appeal for Children, has returned from six months in practically every country in Asia - plus Australia. He covered 55,000 miles in that time. Sid claims to be a legitimate member of that growing organization of People Who Saw Gandhi Just Before He Was Shot (he had a personal interview with him three days before).

Henry Bagley of McGraw Hill publications is in New York on several months' assignment in the home office. Bagley's foreign post is Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Ed Dowell, of the Paris Edition of the N.Y. Herald Tribune here in New York, informs us that Eric Hawkins, known to so many OPC members, managing editor of the Paris Edition of the Herald Trib, arrives next Tuesday in New York on board the *Coronia* (her maiden voyage) to stay in the States about a month.

NOTICE... MEMBERS OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA WHO ARE OVERSEAS AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE BULLETIN BY AIR MAIL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY WHO WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. THE DEMAND BY OUT-OF-THE-COUNTRY MEMBERS HAS BEEN SO WIDE THAT THE BULLETIN WILL BE MAILED BY AIR ON REQUEST. ADDITIONAL CHARGES WILL BE BILLED TO THE RECIPIENT.

Ben Wright, formerly Detroit Free Press and Associated Press, has been appointed to the dual post of director of Public Relations for American Airlines and American Overseas Airlines.

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Tom Curran of the United Press in Buenos Aires has just returned to Argentina after a five weeks' trip through Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru with Hugh Baillie, President of UP. It was Baillie's first trip to South America and the first time the head of any U.S. press association has been on that continent in more than a decade, according to Curran.

Curran interviewed President Hertzog in Bolivia (as the last stop in his tour) who explained that he had put on a state of siege to maintain democracy. The only way he could constitutionally seize certain undesirables, said Hertzog, was under martial law so therefore he proclaimed martial law.

Victor Iasky of the N.Y. World Telegram has returned from several weeks in Puerto Rico where he gathered material for some articles about that country. He interviewed the Governor-elect Luis Munoz Marin. Vic was impressed by the program of industrialization on the island.

Peggy Hull Deuell recommends to Overseas Press Club members an offer from William Munz, Ashokan 2597, RFD 1, Stone Ridge, New York, who will take one or more writers this winter for \$50, room and board. Peggy says that Munz is a fine cook, keeps an immaculate house and was valet to Von Neurath for a number of years. He served in the American Army during World War II. His season for boarding is the summer but he would like a few winter guests to tide him over. Peggy says not to be afraid of the low price because it is a bargain, especially for someone who wants to hole up and finish a book and maybe brush up on German. Call Munz directly if interested.

Walter Cronkite, of United Press, writes from Kansas City that the blurb in the Bulletin brought many notes from old friends about his new daughter and jarred him into speedier action about getting out formal announcements. The young lady is an obvious candidate for Miss America 1967, according to Papa. Young Christopher Norgaard, son of AP's Noland, already has spoken for her hand, we understand. Cronkite writes that he and Dave Brown of Reuters', feeling guilty for pinching Drew Middleton's Bulletin from the Metropole mail box in Moscow, sent in their OPC applications for membership a couple of years ago. But they went astray -- probably repose this very moment at the bottom of an MVD's crowded "in" basket", according to Walt.

ATTENTION: PLEASE SEND INTO RICHARD C. HOTTELET, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR AWARD WINNERS THIS YEAR. DICK CAN BE REACHED AT CBS. THE DEADLINE FOR SUGGESTIONS IS JANUARY 20th, AT WHICH TIME THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE UP THE FINAL BALLOT WHICH WILL BE MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ALL MEMBERS WERE NOTIFIED IN THE BULLETIN AS TO THE SIX AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED THIS YEAR AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET.



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More than ninety members and guests attended the New Year's Eve party at the club-rooms on December 31st. The heavy snowstorm which had begun in the afternoon did not stop anybody. Bright with Christmas decorations and New Year's cheer, the club-rooms were their usual unique vantage point at the crossroads of the world. The party started around nine and ended after three. Up to 11:40 P.M., Seventh Avenue and Broadway were white with snow and empty, even though the sidewalks were crowded. Bill Chaplin broadcast over NBC at 11:17 on Beatty's World News Roundup that Times Square was just like any other Friday night. But around 11:45 P.M. the crowds burst into the streets from the sidewalks and by the time Gordon Fraser of ABC broadcast at 11:55 P.M., the Square was a black mass of people, screams, horns, din and excitement as the great golden ball of the N.Y. Times for 1949 was thrown down from the roof of the Times Building. Ken Roberts of NBC broadcast from the club at midnite also.

Plenty of good liquor and a sumptuous buffet kept members busy greeting each other and dashing about. Door prizes for the gals was the new Revlon Lotion from Bea Castle and for the boys cigars from Eric Palmer of the Cigar Institute of America. Johnny Whitmore of Romanoff donated delicious caviar and Sam Mattassa pounds of coffee. Sam Fuson of the Kudner Agency sent a case of Mount Vernon whiskey, too. At midnite plus ten (minutes) Bill Chaplin started being Santa Claus and every person won a gift, number being called as picked in the grab bag. The Overseas Press Club wishes to thank the following for their generous presents: Billi Rubin of the House of Wesley, Sportsmen's Kits and perfume; Fred Leighton, Tonala pottery dishes; Tom Deegan of Chesapeake and Ohio, playing cards and Anniversary plate; Homer Calver of the American Paper Cup Institute, paper cups; Vera Whepley of Duane Jones, assortment of small gifts; Bochecker of Dorothy Gray, vanity cases; Mary Brown of Harriet Hubbard Ayer, Honey Set; Howard Chase of General Foods, large food package; Miss Hennessey of the Frank Shattuck Company, two Schrafft's gift packages; John White of McKesson and Robbins, a dozen Tawn Kits for Men; Toni Company, three sets of Toni permanents; Lee Russel of Shulton, one man's and one woman's gift package; George Plastow of Bourjois, two sets of Evening in Paris packages; Bob Wilkinson of Collier's, one subscription to magazine; Amy Blaisdell of Helen Rubenstein, perfume; Kenneth Giniger of Prentice Hall, ten books; American Spice Institute, one McCormick box of spices; Miss Ridley of the Institute of Public Relations, two packages of Fanny Farmer Candy and two fruit cakes; C. A. Monroe of Leibmann Breweries, one case of Rheingold beer; Mr. Herbert of Hachrach, two Schiap ties; Hortense MacDonald of Robert Orr, Schiaparelli stockings, Snuff and Woodbury's Face Cream; F. M. Gallais of Coty, two presentation sets; E. Kavanaugh of Premier Food, one food package; Molly Smith of Best Foods, one Gift Basket; Gertrude Michalove of Theo. Sills, Sunshine Biscuits; Miss Gray of Mary Chess, perfume favors; Mrs. Van Ripper of John Fredericks, powder and Men's Toilet Water; Miss Doherty of Elizabeth Arden, two treasurette kits; Mariechen Wilder of Peggy Sage, one leatherette zipper case and Eversharp razors.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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